

**Minutes of Playford Parish Council meeting held at Playford Village Hall  
7.00pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022**

**Present:** Joan Metcalfe – Chairman  
Ben Evans – Vice-Chairman  
Steve Hicks - Councillor  
Ted Herrington – Councillor  
Keith Carson – Councillor  
Martin Hill - Councillor  
Colin Hedgley - District Councillor

**Also present:**  
Glen Thimblethorpe

**In attendance:**  
Marian Hedgley - Clerk

**Apologies for Absence:**  
Elaine Bryce – County Councillor

1. The chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm
2. **Declarations of Members’ Interests in any items on this Agenda.**  
JM declared an interest as Treasurer of Playford Village Hall Committee and as a Trustee of Playford Village Hall. This information was duly recorded.

**3. To approve minutes of previous meetings:**

	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2022	TH	MH
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2022	TH	MH

The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

Matters arising – none

**Action Point Review:**

- ❖ **AP93 – Unregistered FP from C330 to C3311 needs reinstating.** Notification received from Definitive Map Officer David Last that the recommendation was to be that the application be rejected as historical evidence and user evidence is insufficient. JM to contact David Last to appeal his recommendation.
- ❖ **AP155 – C324 traffic priority problems:** We are still awaiting report from Elaine Bryce on this situation– she has an appointment with Highways officials pending.
- ❖ **AP168 – Disabled access to FP2/track to Tuddenham.** Still awaiting delivery of small side gate to allow access for mobility scooters when main gate is locked.

Signed .....

- ❖ **AP174 – Church Lane being used as diversion when Butts Road is closed.**  
Signage required to deter large vehicles from using this route – the PC is waiting to see if Co Cllr Elaine Bryce’s budget could possibly fund some of this.

For more details see Action Log appended at end of the Minutes.

**4. County Councillor’s report:**

Cllr Elaine Bryce sent her apologies for non attendance. Her report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and is appended at the end of these minutes. Elaine is not able to attend Wednesday meetings at present but has assured us of her continued assistance.

**5. District Councillor’s report**

Cllr Colin Hedgley’s report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and is appended at the end of these minutes. Colin also added:

- There is a worrying number of retrospective planning applications being submitted to East Suffolk planners
- The problem of rough sleeping in the area is being monitored
- Roadshow on Cost of Living is going around the area
- Incidence of Fly Tipping getting worse
- Free WiFi being promoted
- Road Safety Week starting on 14<sup>th</sup> November

**6. Finance:-**

Reporting & authorisation of cheques/online payments:

Already paid:

Date/Chq no.	Payable to	Reason for payment	Amount £
22/9 Online	M J Hedgley	September salary	agreed in budget
21/10 Online	M J Hedgley	October salary	agreed in budget

To be Paid:

Chq 830	HMRC	Tax Q2	agreed in budget
Online	M J Hedgley	Expenses - Ink cartridge	34.56

All of above payments were proposed by JM and seconded by KC

Credits rec’d

5.9.22 Interest on Business Premium account £3.52

Bank balances /Bank reconciliation

Current account £2017.97

Bus Prem a/c £17293.67

Steve Hicks confirmed the reconciliation from a copy of the Budget sheet with the latest Bank statement.

Budget 2022-23 – Budget figures show that approx £5250 would be left in the account at the end of the tax year if all continues as at present - it was unanimously agreed the current budget was on track.

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Precept:

Precept amount for 2023-24 needs to be advised to Chief Finance Officer at ESC by 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023. This will be assessed at the next meeting taking in Playford's requirements for the following year from April 2023.

**7. Highways**

- Traffic priority problems on C324 - see Action Points review AP155
- Church Lane still being used by unsuitably large vehicles - see Action Points review AP174
- Unregistered Footpaths claim – see Action Points review AP93. This was discussed at great length - the period over which evidence of use needs to be proved, coincides with the time when it was largely unusable as it was ploughed up and not easily traversable. Landowners were denying its existence and no signage in place. JM will contact Definitive Map Officer to dispute their recommendations as historical evidence from further back is relevant.
- Drainage ditch in Butts Road – this has been cleared by Norse but grips in Hill Farm Road are also blocked. Norse to be asked to clear these next time they are in the area.
- SIDS update - Tracy Herrington will send Playford data to Tanya Fosdyke in Grundisburgh to be processed.  
Playford will next have the SIDS equipment in December.

**8. Neighbourhood Plan – update**

Chairman Keith Carson has been in touch with Ian Poole – we are waiting for him to include the updated list of Non Designated Heritage Assets and hopefully the first draft of the Plan will be ready in two weeks.

Locality grant funds of £5861.00 must be used up by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 or otherwise returned to Groundwork UK.

**9. Memorial Oak tree on the playing field – watering rota**

Watering can be eased up now until Spring. Tree to be checked from time to time.

**10. Bottle Bank issues**

JM has received a quote of £3338 from East Landscape & Fencing for rebuilding the bottle bank but we shall need a breakdown of their costs.

Clerk has contacted DJC Services and is awaiting a visit from them to quote for repairs.

BE will ask Dean Fulcher if he would also be able to quote for this work.

**11. Other Planning Issues**

- Archway Piggeries: DC/22/1156/FUL - no further update
- The Old House, Bransons: DC/22/1794/FUL - planning decision still awaited .
- 2 Hill Farm Cottages: DC/22/3153/FUL - planning decision still awaited.
- Enforcement issues - Numbers of cars parked in Hill Farm Road - situation not thought to be quite so problematic at moment but is being monitored by the enforcement officer.

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**12. Toddler Group in Playford**

No further development and no update from Sarah Pink. The group has closed so presumably no volunteers came forward.

**13. Website updating**

Certain information on PC section of village website requires updating – this will be looked into.

**14. History Board for Playford**

Some rough costs have been done to purchase an interactive history board to inform the public of local points of interest in Playford. These will be forwarded to District Cllr Colin Hedgley for a possible grant from his budget.

**15. Dates of PC Meetings in 2023** – proposed dates as follows, all starting at 7pm except for Annual meetings on 10<sup>th</sup> May

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> January

Weds 1st March

Weds 10<sup>th</sup> May - APM (starts 6.30pm) & APCM

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> July

Weds 6th September

Weds 1st November

These were unanimously agreed by all councillors.

**16. PC Vacancy** – another councillor is still required.**17. Correspondence** – received up to 2nd November 2022

	Date	From	Subject	Ref
1	9.9.22	East Suffolk Council	CIL Charging Schedule Notification of Hearing session	Adam Nicholls Principal Planner Policy & Delivery ESC
2	26.9.22	East Suffolk Council	Initial consultation on designing developments that better support health and wellbeing	Jasmine Machen Planning Policy & Delivery Team
3	19.10.22	Ipswich Boro Council	Notice of consultation for IBC Draft Local Validation List 2022	Planning & Development
4	21.10.22	East Suffolk Council	Rural England Prosperity Fund: Stakeholder engagement	Ben Bix ESC Economic Development Team
5	28.10.22	Citizens Advice East Suffolk (CAES)	Quarterly Report July – Sept 2022	Shirley Johnson Administrator CAES

Signed .....

**18. AOB**

The Boules Piste needs repair work as the wooden edges of the perimeter are breaking up. This will be put onto the next Agenda for action.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 7pm.

Signed .....